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**JOSHUA PATE SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR DRUG CONSPIRACY AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on December 13, 2007, Joshua E. Pate, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, has been sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 158 months in prison for his conviction of drug conspiracy and possession of firearms by a felon. The term of imprisonment will be followed by five years of supervised release.

Chief United States District Court Judge John W. Sedwick imposed the sentence on Pate, age 26, of 7340 Biglerville, Anchorage.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Crandon Randell, Pate pleaded guilty to being a member, and leader, of a group of individuals engaged in the business of selling cocaine, both powder and crack, in the Anchorage area between February and August of 2006. A search of Pate's residence turned up five firearms and ammunition, that he was not permitted to possess. Pate's sentence was enhanced by the fact of his extensive criminal history.

Mr. Cohen commended the Anchorage Police Department's Metro Drug Unit for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Pate and the other members of this group.

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